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LONG ASHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER 1950.

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To The Chairman and Members of the
Long Ashton Rural District Council.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the district during the past year. The information therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, as laid down in circular 2/50, of 25th January, 1950.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area.....	46,602 acres.
Population (census 1931).....	20,378
Population (to middle of 1950).....	24,670 (Registrar's general estimate)
Number of inhabited houses to end of 1950..	7,470
Rateable value.....	£173,938
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£708

There are no important changes to note as regards the social conditions and general characteristics of the area.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		M.	F.	Total.	
Live Births:	Legitimate	180	177	357	Birth rate (per 1,000 of the estimated population) 14.9
	Illegitimate	7	4	11	
		187	181	368	
Still Births:		1	7	8	All legitimate.
Deaths:		131	149	280	Death rate (per 1,000 of the estimated population) 11.3

	M.	F.	Total.	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:	4	2	6	Death rate of all Infants per 1,000 live births 21.4
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks.	3	2	5	
	All legitimate.			

Deaths from puerperal causes.....	Nil
Deaths from Measles.....	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough.....	Nil
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all forms).....	44

The total number of live births (368) is much smaller than last year (443).

The Birth rate (14.9) is considerably lower than last year (18.09)

The Birth rate for England and Wales this year is 15.8.
The total number of deaths (280) is higher than last year (256)
The death rate (11.3) is a little higher than last year (10.4)
The death rate for England and Wales this year is 11.6.
The Infant mortality rate (21.4) is higher than last year (11.8) but is still very low.
The Infant mortality rate for England and Wales is 29.8.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Tuberculosis (all forms)	9	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2.
Influenza	7	Gastritis and enteritis	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	6	Nephritis & nephrosis	4
Bronchitis	12	Hyperplasia of prostate	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	Congenital malformation	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	Other defined and undefined diseases	18
Cancer (all forms)	44	Motor vehicle accidents	3
Diabetes	2	All other accidents	1
Vascular diseases of nervous system	37	Suicide	4
Coronary disease (angina)	41		
Other heart diseases	62		
Other circulatory diseases	14		

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases.

Disease	Notifications	Removals to Hospital	Deaths.
Scarlet fever.	18	10	-
Pneumonia	10	-	6
Erysipelas	4	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	8	7	1
" " (Non-paralytic)	7	7	-
Food Poisoning	34	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	1	-
Dysentery (Sonne)	10	-	-
Measles	164	-	-
Whooping Cough	137	-	-
Total	393	25	7

All the food poisoning notifications were in respect of a public institution, and occurred at the same time. The cause was afterwards proved not to be due to food. The dysentery cases also occurred at another public institution, and all recovered. There were no deaths from scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough. There were no notifications of diphtheria, small pox or saline fever.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The total absence of notifications of and deaths from diphtheria continues to be a most satisfactory part of this report, due very largely, if not entirely, to the efficient carrying out of the immunisation of children against this disease. Children under 5 years of age are dealt with by general medical practitioners and those over 5 (i.e. school age) up to 15 years of age, by the County School Medical Officers. Children immunised during the year in this area are as follows:-

Under five years of age.	Five to fifteen years of age.	Reinforcing injections during school life.
193	17	196.

Figures supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health show the above and also the number of children under 15 years of age in this area who can be considered to be in an immunised state, viz: 3,437.

VACCINATION (against small pox)

In recent years there has been a definite decline in the number of primary vaccinations in this area, and in the County generally.

In this area the numbers vaccinated during the year are as follows:-

Primary Vaccination.

Primary. Under 1 year - 34. 1-4 years - 127. 5 - 14 years - 15
15 years and over - 20.

Re-vaccinations
Under 1 year - 0. 1 - 4 years - 2. 5-14 years - 8
15 years and over - 36.

Total: Primary vaccinations - 196. Re-vaccinations - 46.

In the Long Ashton R.D. the figures both for Immunisation against diphtheria and vaccination are the highest of all rural districts in the County.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Localisation.	Notifications		Removals to Sanitoria		Deaths	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Respiratory	23	16	10	3	2	4
Non-respiratory	1	3	-	1	2	1
Totals	24	19	10	4	4	5

NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN AGE PERIODS

Age Periods	Notifications				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmorary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1st. year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 years	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 years	2	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	6	4	-	1	-	1	-	-
35 - 45 years	4	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 - 55 years	5	2	-	-	1	2	-	1
55 - 65 years	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Totals	23	16	2	2	4	4	-	1

The number of new cases notified and deaths are slightly higher than last year. There is apparently still a shortage of sanitorium beds available judging by the fact that notifications of removal to sanitoria totalled only 14 out of the total of 43 new notifications. Tuberculosis dispensaries for this area are as before at the Central Clinic, Tower Hill, Bristol and at 68, Old Street, Clevedon.

General Provision of Health Services.

Laboratory facilities are provided at the County Hall, Taunton, and at the Bristol Public Health Laboratory, Canynge Hall, Whatley Road, Bristol, 8.
Hospital treatment and isolation for infectious diseases is provided at Ham Green Hospital, near Pill. The arrangements for medical and surgical hospital treatment are now under the control of the Regional Hospital Board; ambulance facilities and nursing in the homes, child welfare and maternity are all dealt with by the County Authority, as also are the treatment centres and clinics. Legislation in the area is unchanged.

WATER SUPPLY.

I (a) The water supply of the District has generally been satisfactory in quality with the exception of the few areas which are included in proposed water supply schemes.

(b) The position with regard to quantity was mainly satisfactory but a partial failure in the borehole serving the Council's Yatton Supply caused some temporary shortage. The supply was, however, maintained by water supplied in bulk by the Clevedon Water Company, through an emergency main which was laid to link up the two supplies.

II Sixty samples of water from main and piped supplies were taken and examined, the results being as follows:-

RAW WATER.				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY.			
BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Satis-factory	Unsatis-sactory	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
31	26	Nil	Nil	2	1	Nil	Nil

III. CONTAMINATION BY LEAD.

No action has been necessary in the case of waters liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

IV. ACTION TAKEN IN RESPECT OF CONTAMINATION.

1. WRAXALL, LODGE LANE SUPPLY.

This unsatisfactory private estate supply derived from the coal measures has been abandoned and all the houses concerned have been connected to the Bristol Waterworks Company's main.

2. WESTON-IN-GORDANO PAROCHIAL SUPPLY.

This main supply which is obtained by the Council in bulk from a private estate supply, with a spring source, was found periodically to be polluted.

Emergency chlorination was resorted to, but negotiations are proceeding with the Portishead Water Company for an extension of their main from North Weston to replace the existing supply.

3. REDCLIFFE BAY.

The piped supplies to two large movable dwelling sites with an appreciable number of temporary dwellings permanently occupied thereon, were found to be badly polluted. Temporary arrangements were made with the Redcliffe Bay Mutual Bungalow Association for the occupiers of the sites to obtain water from the Association's standpipes.

The Portishead Water Company are being pressed to carry out the proposed main extension to the Redcliffe Bay area, and in respect of which the Council are prepared to bear the guarantee.

V. PARTICULARS OF THE NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM WATER MAINS.

Parish	Area in Acres	Approx Population at 31.12.50.	No of Houses in Parish	No of Houses Supplied direct from mains	No. of Houses Supplied from Standpipes	No of Population Supplied direct from mains	No. of Population Supplied from Standpipes.
Abbots Leigh	2260	747	178	157	-	666	-
Backwell	2929	2128	608	475	16	1667	56
Barrow Gurney	2064	600	99	31	8	358	26
Bishopsworth	796	2590	700	666	20	2589	74
Brockley	1148	442	123	114	3	422	11
Clapton-in-Gordano	1355	181	67	11	12	29	33
Cleeve	1013	540	146	119	7	445	26
Dundry	2897	958	259	31	24	117	89
Easton-in-Gordano	1765	2721	878	801	19	2511	59
Flax Bourton	630	210	70	62	6	188	18
Kenn	830	335	67	44	4	220	20
Kingston Seymour	2652	271	63	13	22	55	94
Long Ashton	4190	3087	882	840	19	2980	66
Nailsea	2866	2611	768	552	26	1875	88
North Weston	1063	1180	472	93	248	232	622
Portbury	2845	435	128	68	6	234	21
Tickenham	1629	640	194	163	12	538	39
Walton-in-Gordano	908	240	96	33	-	82	-
Weston-in-Gordano	708	171	61	37	13	107	37
Winford	3340	1256	314	185	26	740	104
Wraxall	4125	1768	520	464	2	1577	7
Yatton	4589	2874	777	702	18	2597	66
Total	46602	25985	7470	5661	511	20229	1556

VI. EXTENSIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS OF SUPPLIES DURING THE YEAR.

1. TICKENHAM.

4" main extensions by Clevedon Water Company to Stone Edge Batch and Tickenham Hill to replace the existing small diameter service to give an improved supply to this area and a supply to the Council's Tickenham Housing Site.

2. YATTON AND CLEEVE.

A new trunk main was laid by the Bristol Waterworks Company from their Chelvey Pumping Station to the Council's Yatton reservoir on Cadbury Hill, a distance of some two and a half miles. This bulk supply now replaces the borehole supply at Claverham, on which the Council were entirely dependent for their Yatton Parochial Undertaking. This borehole supply partially failed during the year. Water from the new source is much softer than that previously supplied

VII FUTURE PROPOSALS.

Priority Group.	Parish	Scheme	Estimated Cost. (Present day prices)
1	Dundry	Provision of mains pumping station and reservoir for bulk supply from Bristol Water Works Company. This Parish may ultimately be included in the Bristol Water Co's Statutory area of supply.	£26,312.
1	Kingston Seymour.	Further main extension of Council's Yatton Parochial Supply from centre of village to outer areas.	£ 2,057.
1	Clapton-in-Gordano	Extension of main to village by Portishead Water Company	£6,275.
1	North Weston	Provision of main supply by Portishead Water Company to Redcliffe Bay area to replace existing inadequate private standpipe supply.	£21,218
1	Weston-in-Gordano and North Weston	Extension of main by Portishead Water Company to replace Council's existing main supply	£ 3,150

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.
(Extension of sewers, new works, etc. during the year).

YATTON. The installation of more powerful pumping plant at the sewage pumping station in conjunction with a new rising main to a sea outfall was completed.

FUTURE PROPOSALS.

The following works are included in Priority Group 1 of the Council's list of proposed sewerage and sewage disposal schemes:-

Parish.	Scheme.	Estimated Cost. (1950 prices)
Nailsea.	Sewerage and sewage disposal for parish. Scheme submitted to Ministry of Health, but further progress delayed through difficulties in procuring a site for a pumping station	£83,000
Flax Bourton.	Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for village and proposed housing site.	£5,300
Cleeve.	Extension of Yatton sewers to the Main Road and Rhodyate Hill areas of Parish. Scheme re-submitted to Ministry of Health. Offers of contributions towards the cost from private owners amounts to £692. Minister prepared to give further consideration on submission of revised details.	£3,900.
Dundry and Long Ashton.	Sewerage and sewage disposal to Barrow Common and Bridgwater Road Areas.	£8,500.
Winford.	Sewerage and sewage disposal for village, Parsonage Lane and Long Cross. Scheme agreed by Council in principle only.	£18,800.
Long Ashton.	Additions and improvements to Cambridge House sewage disposal works.	£1,200
Portbury and Easton-in-Gordano.	Sewerage and sewage disposal to village of Portbury in conjunction with new housing estate. Ministry of Health Inquiry held regarding the Portbury scheme, but consideration being given to a joint scheme to include a portion of Easton-in-Gordano Parish, and to the use of an existing sewer outfall into the Avon Estuary.	Not yet available.
Easton-in-Gordano.	New trunk sewers, retention tank and outfall to replace very old and obsolete system. Survey proceeding.	£15,500.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse is carried out by direct labour and one new vehicle was put into service during the year, making three vehicles (two of 7/8 cubic yard capacity and one of 10 cubic yard) engaged on the service.

The frequency of the collection is weekly in four parishes and fortnightly in the remainder.

A new 800 gallon cesspool emptier was delivered and put into service on the 1st October, 1950. A charge of 15/- per load is made for the service in respect of dwelling-houses, and 17/6d per hour for business premises.

HOUSING.

Provision of New Housing Accommodation During the Year.

	Houses erected during year.		Houses in course of erection		Conversion to flats or dwellings.		Temporary such as Army Huts etc.
	Perm:	Tempy:	Perm:	Temp:	Perm:	Temp:	
Local Authority	84	Nil	58	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	26	Nil	14	Nil	15	Nil	Nil
Totals:	110	Nil	72	Nil	15	Nil	Nil

TOTAL number of Post War Houses completed:-

(a) By Local Authority.....399
(b) By Private Enterprise..201

ERECTION OF HOUSES BY COUNCIL.

The location of the houses completed and in course of erection is summarised as follows:-

Parish	Houses Completed.	Houses under Construction at 31/12/50.
Bishopsworth	12	22
Easton-in-Gordano	30	2
Long Ashton	22	26
Nailsea	2	-
North Weston	6	8
Yatton	12	-
Total:	84	58

ERECTION OF HOUSES BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The location of the houses completed and in course of erection is summarised as follows:-

Parish.	Houses or Bungalows Completed.	Under Construction at 31/12/50.
Abbots Leigh	1	-
Backwell	6	2
Bishopsworth	1	8
Carried Fwd.	8	10

ERECTION OF HOUSES BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. (Continued).

Parish.	Houses or Bungalows Completed.	Under Construction at 31/12/50.
Brought Forward:	8	10
Cleeve	2	-
Clapton-in-Gordano	2	-
Dundry	1	-
Long Ashton	2	1
Nailsea	3	-
Tickenham	3	1
Winford	1	-
Wraxall	2	1
Yatton	2	1
Total:	26	14

PROVISION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION BY COUNCIL.

At the end of the year work was about to commence on the adaptation into ten dwellings of hutments at the ex-Army Camp at Yatton.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The position of the Survey which entails the inspection of some 2,805 houses of a rateable value of £16 and under, is summarised at the 31st December, 1950, as under:-

Number of houses inspected and recorded..... 2331
Number of houses satisfactory in all respects..... 629
Number of houses with minor defects..... 386
Number of houses requiring repairs or structural alterations..... 1003
Number of houses suitable for reconditioning under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts or for acquisition..... 574
Number of houses unfit for human habitation..... 313

The location of the unfit houses is as under:-

Parish	Number of Unfit Houses.	Parish	Number of Unfit Houses.
Abbots Leigh	3	Kenn	7
Backwell	16	Kingston Seymour	10
Bishopsworth	3	Long Ashton	31
Brockley	3	Nailsea	17
Cleeve	7	Tickenham	17
Dundry	23	Walton-in-Gordano	15
Easton-in-Gordano	63	Winford	25
Flax Bourton	8	Wraxall	24
		Yatton	41
		Total:	313

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Number of Applications received..... 1
Number of houses concerned..... 2 (converted into one dwelling)
Number of schemes approved and submitted to Ministry of Health..... 1
Amount of grant approved..... £297

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. (Continued).

Average cost of schemes..... £594
Applications disapproved..... Nil.

One additional application was received in respect of one house, but was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION DURING THE YEAR UNDER HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Number of Houses represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation.	34
Number of Houses on which Demolition Orders were made.	3
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings given by the owners not to use for human habitation were accepted.	9
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings given by the owners to carry out repairs were accepted.	17
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings to carry out repairs were cancelled after being made fit for human habitation.	3
Number of Houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	6
Number of Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs under Section 9 of the Act.	3
Number of Houses rendered fit after service of notices under Section 9:-	
(a) By Owners	2
(b) By Council in default of Owners.	Nil.

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - QUASHING OF DEMOLITION ORDERS.

Demolition orders on three houses were quashed by the County Court judge on the Council's application to the Court under Section 2 of the Act, the houses having been made fit for human habitation since the demolition orders became operative.

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INSPECTIONS.

No. of complaints received during the year.....	119
No. of houses, premises, etc. inspected.....	1620
No. of houses disinfected, or to which disinfectants were supplied.....	40
No. of visits in connection with cases of infectious disease.....	51
Tuberculoses disinfections.....	12
No. of cases of bedding disinfected.....	47
No. of scabies baths arranged for infected persons.....	-
No. of verminous premises cleansed.....	3

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

No. of sewers repaired or cleansed.....	12

HOUSE DRAINS.

No. of existing houses connected to sewers.....	5
No. of house drains repaired or cleansed.....	28
No. of drains re-laid.....	18
No. of new piped drains laid.....	164

EARTH CLOSETS, WATER CLOSETS, AND CESSPOOLS.

No. of privies abolished.....	4
No. of cesspools reconstructed or cleansed.....	20
No. of new cesspools.....	46
No. of cesspools abolished.....	3
No. of new water closets.....	173
No. of new water closet pans or repairs.....	21
No. of new earth closets constructed.....	-
No. of earth closets converted into water closets.....	7

NEW DWELLINGS.

No. of new permanent houses completed and occupied.....	110
No. of new houses supplied by main water.....	107
No. of new houses supplied by wells or cisterns.....	3

WATER SUPPLY.

No. of samples of water taken for examination...	72
No. of existing houses connected to water mains.	66
No. of new wells.....	-
No. of wells or cisterns cleansed or repaired...	-
No. of contaminated wells closed.....	23
No. of dairies and milkshops inspected.....	9
No. of bakehouses inspected.....	10
No. of slaughterhouses inspected.....	-
No. of factories inspected.....	31
No. of statutory notices served.....	22
Ministry of Health inquiries held.....	-
Legal proceedings taken.....	4

FOOD.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

MEAT.	OTHER FOODS.
Beef 105½ lbs.	Small quantities.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

(a) No. in use under Ministry of Food.....Nil.
(b) No. in use where horses are slaughtered for human consumption.....Nil.
(c) No. of knackers yards in District.....Nil.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES. (Continued).

The private slaughter-houses are still out of use and centralised slaughtering under the control of the Ministry of Food takes place at the Weston-super-Mare and Bristol public abattoirs. No carcases of animals for sale for human consumption are inspected by your officers at the time of slaughter.

PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

Attention has been given where necessary to improving conditions in places where food is prepared or sold, with particular regard to the provision of proper hand-washing facilities. All new premises are required at the time plans are deposited to be adapted to a good hygienic standard and with all the necessary facilities and amenities.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT ETC.) REGULATIONS.

No. of premises registered for:-

(a)	Manufacture and retail.....	6
(b)	Manufacture only.....	Nil.
(c)	Retail only.....	45

No. of Samples taken:-

Grade 1.	14
" 2.	18
" 3.	10
" 4.	5
Total:-	47

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

No cases of food poisoning attributable to food occurred during the year. Thirty-four notifications of food poisoning were received at one time in respect of an Institution, but the cause was subsequently found not to be due to food.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.

The Bye-laws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air, were adopted by the Council, and, after confirmation by the Minister of Food, came into operation on the 10th July, 1950.

A copy of the Bye-laws was subsequently supplied free of charge to each food trader.

During the last month of the year arrangements were being made in conjunction with the Central Office of Information for film shows to be given to the public and food trade early in 1951, in several of the larger parishes.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

No. of registered dairies.....	9
No. of registered milk distributors.....	16
No. of dealer's licences to use the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	8
No. of dealer's supplementary licences to use the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"....	3
No. of dealer's licences to use the Special Designation "Pasteurised".....	2
No. of dealer's licences to use the Special Designation "Sterilised".....	Nil.
No. of dealer's supplementary licences to use the Special Designation "Pasteurised".....	1
No. of dealer's supplementary licences to use the Special Designation "Sterilised".....	2

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

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PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register. (3)	Inspections. (4)	Number of Written notices (5)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (6)	M/c line No. (7)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	16	11	1	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	39	31	-	-	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL:		55	42	1	-	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found. (3)	Remedied. (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector. (6)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (7)	M/c line No. (8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4						4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8						8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	9	1	1		1		9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes.	11						11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	12						12
TOTAL:	60	1	1		1		60

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.
(Continued).

OUTWORK
(Sections 110 and 111).

No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect.110.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

In last years report I remarked that the completion of the post war housing programme seemed to be almost as far away as ever, and this still holds good. Though a considerable number of new houses have been built in the district each year - chiefly by your Council - applicants still needing houses are almost as numerous as before. Also there are several water supply and sewage disposal schemes which have been planned but could not be dealt with this year. Nevertheless, the health and sanitary condition continues to improve and is reasonably satisfactory, especially considering the scattered nature of the area, of nearly 50,000 acres and 21 parishes.

I conclude this report by tendering my sincere thanks to your Council for the support and consideration always extended to me in the performance of my duties and to the Officers of the Health and other departments for their efficient and willing help and co-operation.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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September, 1951.